

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 13-23 are pending. Claims 1 and 8 are amended, and claims 6 and 12 were previously cancelled.

The Applicant amends the abstract to the disclosure as recommended by the Examiner. The abstract to the disclosure is now within the 50 to 150 range word limit. The terms “means” and “said” have also been removed from the abstract.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 through 5, 8 through 11, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Applicant amends claim 1 to clarify that the support element is to be claimed in combination with the sliding pivot means. The Applicant also amends claim 8 to provide antecedent basis for “the stanchion.”


The Examiner stated that claims 7 and 14 through 23 are allowable and that claims 1 through 5, 8 through 11, and 13 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Applicant believes that the amendments to claims 1 and 8 overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection.

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Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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